

### **REMARKS**

The Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 23 - 44. By this amendment, the Applicants propose to cancel finally rejected claims 1-22 and 45. The Applicants also request withdrawal of the appeal filed on September 9, 2005 and entry of this amendment under the provisions of Section 116.

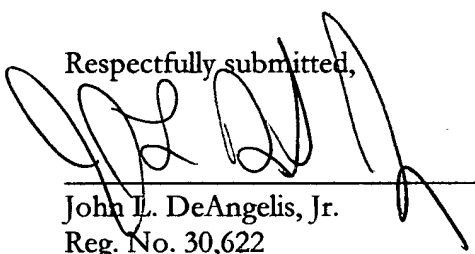
The cancellation of claims 1- 22 and 45 is not to be construed as an admission as to the validity of the rejection or the applicability of the cited art. The Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these or similar claims in a continuing application.

Since the proposed amendments overcome the current claim rejections, entry of the amendments and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is appropriate.

The Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of one month under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. A check payable to the Director of the PTO in the amount of \$120.00 in payment of the Extension of Time Fee is enclosed.

If a telephone conference will assist in clarifying or expediting this Amendment or the claim changes made herein, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 9th day of November 2005.



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